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MANUFACTURING A GLASS INGOT)
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Specification

Please enter the attached Abstract of the Disclosure on the attached page.

In the Claims

Kindly add new claims ¹⁰⁻²²~~11-23~~ as follows.

¹⁰~~11~~. The method according to claim 1, wherein the shaping orifice is located at the lowest part of the mass in the refractory container and wherein said removing step comprises positively withdrawing the ingot from below.

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